



## Tip of the

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#### CSAP's National Prevention Registry

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The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's National Prevention Registry offers prevention providers the opportunity to register prevention programs, share information with others in the field, and nominate prevention programs to be considered as a **Model Program**. In order for a program to be considered as a model program, the following types of supporting program evaluation documentation need to be submitted: journal article(s), final project outcome evaluation reports, and program implementation materials (e.g. training manuals, curricula, video, implementation guides).

Nominated programs are reviewed by teams of trained evaluators using a set of 15 criteria. The criteria for selection include:

1. Theory – the degree to which the project findings are based on clear and well-articulated theory, clearly stated hypotheses, and clear operational relevance;
2. Fidelity of interventions – the degree to which there is clear evidence of high quality and accurate implementation, which may include dosage data, and evidence of adherence to the curriculum;
3. Process evaluation quality;
4. Sampling strategy and implementation – the quality of sampling design and implementation;
5. Attrition - evidence of sample quality based on information about attrition;

6. Outcome measures – the operational relevance and psychometric quality of measures used in the evaluation, and the quality of supporting evidence;
7. Missing data – the quality of data collection (e.g., amount of missing data);
8. Outcome data collection – method of data collection in terms of bias or demand characteristics and haphazard manners;
9. Analysis – the appropriateness and technical adequacy of techniques of analysis, primarily statistical;
10. Other plausible threats to validity (excluding attrition) – the degree to which the evaluation design and implementation addresses and eliminates plausible alternative hypotheses concerning program effects; the degree to which the study design and implementation warrants strong causal attributions concerning program effects;
11. Integrity – the overall level of confidence that the reviewer can place in project findings based on research design and implementation;
12. Utility – the overall usefulness of project findings for informing prevention theory and practice;
13. Replications – Number of replications of model or cultural, gender, age, or local adaptations of model with similar positive results of both the intervention implementation and evaluation;
14. Dissemination capability – program materials developed including training on program implementation, technical assistance, standardized curricula and evaluation materials, manuals, fidelity instrumentation, videos, recruitment forms, etc.;
15. Cultural- and Age-Appropriateness.

To obtain an online nomination form, please go to:

[www.preventionregistry.org](http://www.preventionregistry.org)

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